

MURRAYLANDS AND RIVERLAND LANDSCAPE BOARD

Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water we live and work upon, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and respect the deep spiritual connection and relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country.

| Meeting Title: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Meeting 7-22 | |
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| Date: 25 August 2022 | |
| Start Time: | 10:30am |
| Location: | Mid Murray Council Cambrai Office, Main Street Cambrai |
| Present: | Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Jim Godden (on MS Teams for 1 hour), Sandy Iosefellis, Caroline Phillips, Jason Size Andrew Meddle (General Manager), Michelle Finch (Business Manager), Wendy Stubbs (Acting Manager Sustainable Landscapes), Amy Lee (Manager Strategy and Engagement), Helane Norman (Executive Officer) Item 13: Ben Scales (CEO Mid Murray Council), Jake McVicar (Director, Development and Environmental Services, Mid Murray Council) |
| Apologies: | Jim Godden |


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| | An In-Camera discussion with the General Manager was held prior to the meeting. |
| 1. | Welcome, Apologies and agenda check Di Davidson, Chair, declared the meeting open at 10am and welcomed all present, acknowledging the Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water on which we meet. |
| 2. | Conflict of Interest – No new Disclosures |
| 3. | Adoption of Minutes from the previous meeting (6-22) held 28 July 2022 Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the Minutes of Meeting 6-22 held 28 July 2022. Action: Michael Cutting to present updated draft position statement next meeting. |
| 4. | Chairs Report The Chair of the board has been away during August, but has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Citizen Science Awards at Loxton on Sunday 21st August • Attended meeting with General Manager on 22nd August • Will attend MRLGA AGM 26 August.. Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Chair's report |
| 5. | Board Member's reports |

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| | <p>A record of activities undertaken by individual board members was presented to the board.</p> <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Board Members reports.</p> |
| 6. | <p>General Manager's Report</p> <p>The General Manager presented the General Manager's report and the Referrals Report to the board.</p> <p>Key issues to be discussed with the Minister are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the scale of the problem of effective pest plant and pest animal control (particularly on derelict land in the Riverland for our region), with invasion of new pests and climate change being ongoing challenges Water Allocation Plan. – detailed review of the whole of the RM WAP may be required with the cost to be borne by MRLB, but as all regions are water users, it benefits all regions. Not too many overbank flows in SA. <p>The General Manager has also taken on the significant role of chairing the General Managers' Forums, which is quite time consuming</p> <p>Board members and Water Advisory Committee members have been invited to a special MDBA consultation meeting and the Chair encourages everyone to attend.</p> <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the General Manager's Report and attachments.</p> |
| FOR DECISION | |
| 7. | <p>Friends of the Community Landscapes workshop and action plan update</p> <p>The General Manager provided the board with feedback, to the Draft Conceptual Action Plan, received from the invitees and attendees at an initial workshop held in May. The draft Conceptual Action Plan received positive feedback, and staff suggest that several items from the plan be focussed on initially, while a communications and engagement strategy is developed by the board.</p> <p>Andrew Meddle make contact with Ross Oke in the first instance, and then communicate with outcomes with everyone who has been engaged and the plan for keeping in touch going forward.</p> <p>The Board agreed with focussing on Items 2 and 10 initially, but questioned if attendees fully comprehended the work that the Education team do.</p> <p>ACTION: Andrew to add linkages in the action plan, back to the priorities of the strategic objectives</p> <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</p> <p>a. Noted the update from the Future of Community Landscape Management Workshop; and</p> <p>b. Agreed for an initial focus (over the next 12 months) to be on items 2 and 10 from the Action Plan, whilst a Communications and Engagement Strategy is prepared for the Board.</p> |

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| 8. | <p>Draft Financial Statements 2021/22</p> <p>The Manager Business Services presented the draft financial statements for the 2021/22 year to a special meeting of the Finance Committee held early in August. The Finance committee endorsed the Draft Financial Statement to enable it to be sent to the Auditor General for audit. Any changes required will then be made before a final endorsement is made by the Finance Committee and Board for inclusion in the Board's Annual Report. Greatly improved statement in comparison to last years.</p> <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the MRLB Draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.</p> |
| 9. | <p>Financial Management Compliance Program (FMCP)</p> <p>The Business Manager provided an update on how the board meets the requirements of Treasurer's instruction 28 through a FMCP. The board has a DTF provided Financial Management Compliance toolkit questionnaire which is completed by ELT annually after the end of the financial year. This is complemented by measuring the Board's internal Controls through Control Track, along with letters of support, which are provided by DEW and SSSA. The completed questionnaire and summary were provided to the board for approval.</p> <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approves the Financial Management Compliance Program (FMCP) for the year ending 30 June 2022.</p> |
| COMMITTEES | |
| 10. | <p>Finance Committee</p> <p>A special finance committee meeting was held on 11 August to review and endorse the draft financial statements of the Board. A regular monthly meeting was not held.</p> <p>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the minutes of the special Finance meeting.</p> |
| 11. | <p>Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee</p> <p>A report and minutes of the last Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee meeting were presented to the board.</p> <p>The Board have been asked to note items relating to their meeting and request an update from the board on what has happened to the <i>Discussion paper: Roadside Impacts of Trial Bikes and 4 Wheel Drivers in the Mallee</i> that the Board submitted to the Murraylands and Riverland LGA and was subsequently passed to the SA Regional Organisation of Councils committee in LGA.</p> <p>ACTION: Andrew to provide a response to the MCAC re the discussion paper</p> <p>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the report from and Minutes of the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee meeting held 21 July 2022.</p> |

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| 12. | <p>Significant or sensitive committee items:</p> <p><u>Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee</u></p> <p>The board have agreed to provide a representative for each Box Flat meeting, not necessarily the same representative each time. Jason Size volunteered to attend the meeting on the 10th October 2022.</p> <p>Decision: <i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board nominate Jason Size to be the Board's representative at the Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee meeting at Lameroo on 10th October at 1.30pm.</i></p> <p>ACTION: Helane to notify Heather Miller and Tamika Parker who will be attending the next Box Flat meeting.</p> |
| | Lunch |
| PRESENTATION | |
| 13. | <p>Mid Murray Council - Ben Scales and Jake McVicar</p> <p>Ben Scales, (CEO) and Jake McVicar (Director, Development and Environmental Services) provided an overview of the Mid Murray District, along with some of their problem issues, progress and environmental goals.</p> <p>Opportunities for the board to work with council include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for initiatives within River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve • Sharing information with local farmers re: soil management / erosion, and assistance to council to deal with this • Monitoring of Reserves (District Officer and Council General Inspectors) • Advocating for regional solutions to Corella control • ELMA water and Mannum Waters wetlands <p>The Board appreciated the presentation, and were pleased to hear council speak positively about assisting each other, and that the Council is active with a Reconciliation Action Plan which contributes to council's plan.</p> <p>ACTION: Andrew to raise at MRLGA meeting if there is appetite for training to get new EM's up to speed on environmental issues after the elections later this year.</p> |
| ITEMS FOR NOTING | |
| 14. | <p>Landscape Priorities Fund Submissions Report</p> <p>The General Manager presented a summary of the Expressions of Interest that have been submitted to the Landscape Priority Fund recently. Our board has submitted four projects, and partnered with other regions on another one project. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Clean Slate • Building the resilience of Ngarrindjeri Ruwe/Ruwar (lands, waters, and all living things) • Going Wild! Creating wetland 'wild-sites' for the reintroduction of Southern Purple Spotted Gudgeon (<i>Mogurnda adspersa</i>) into the SA River Murray system • Reintroducing the iconic Murray Crayfish (<i>Euastacus armatus</i>) to the SA River Murray |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Threatened Woodland Birds ((Hills and Fleurieu LB are lead agency) <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Expressions of Interest submitted to the Landscape Priority Fund in August 2022.</i></p> |
| 15. | <p>Riverland Field Days</p> <p>The Manager Strategy and Engagement presented an overview of the planned activities and costings of the MR Landscape Board's marquee and information for the Riverland Field Days to be held on the 16th and 17th September 2022.</p> <p>Sandy Iosefellis, Andrew Biele and Jason Size are willing to assist at the Riverland Field Days.</p> <p><i>That the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the presence and planned activities for the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board at the 2022 Riverland Field Days.</i></p> <p>ACTION: Notify Sandy Gunter of board members availability</p> |
| 16. | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Correspondence list for August was presented to the board.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the correspondence.</i></p> |
| 17. | <p>Action List</p> <p>All actions have been completed.</p> <p><i>The board noted the progress of the actions on the action list.</i></p> |
| 18. | <p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Thank you</u> to Tamika Parker for filling in while the EO was on leave. <u>MCAC Board Representative:</u> At times Andrew Biele cannot attend the MCAC meeting, and queried if other board members can assist. Measuring the success of committees – look at how this is done. <p>ACTION: Helene to send a calendar of MCAC meetings so members can nominate when they can attend, and notify relevant staff.</p> |
| | <p>Next meeting details – September 22nd at Pinnaroo (TBC)</p> |
| | <p>The meeting closed at 1.40pm, and a tour of the Community Nursery, Meldanda and the seed nursery was undertaken with Aimee Linke from Mid Murray Landcare.</p> |

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| <p>ENDORSED</p>  | <p>Dianne Davidson AM Presiding Member Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Date: 22 September 2022</p> |
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